

The FCC is supposed to be the watchdog protecting my right to have access to Public Broadcasting.

Dish network is denying my access to local PBS. It is offering my area in Oklahoma a "local" program package that does NOT include a PBS station from my state. Communicom, the area cable company has no problem getting the PBS from Oklahoma City to it's users. What is the deal here? I think the Satellite companies should be compelled to provide our local PBS to us, so I can see our local public news broadcasts.

Media companies use the public airwaves free of charge, and are obligated by law to serve the public interest, that public interest should include providing local channels that include local PBS. Now that only large companies control the airwaves, we are getting more of what's good for their bottom line and less of the information that we need to protect our democracy.

Instead of long-distance propaganda and "spin", it's urgent that we are able to see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Also we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them, the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.